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For : MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY DEVICE  
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a three-month extension of the period for reply to the final Office Action dated January 21, 2004, *i.e.*, to up to and including July 21, 2004, is requested. The \$55.00 fee for a one-month extension of time (for a small entity) was paid with the Response to Office Action filed on May 21, 2004; therefore, a check for \$420.00, amounting to the difference between the fee for a one-month extension of time and a three-month extension of time, is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee for this extension of time, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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This paper is being filed in conjunction with a Notice of Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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